

REMARKS

The examiner rejects claims 1-7 under 35 USC §112, ¶2 for indefiniteness in claiming the subject matter of the invention. Claims 1 and 2 are amended herein to address the examiner's rejection.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants consider that the rejections of record have been obviated and respectfully solicit passage of the application to issue.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please enter the following sentence at line 3 of the first page of the specification:

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 2 to read as follows:

1. (currently amended) A process for the hydrogenation of an organic compound containing at least one carbonyl group, which comprises bringing the organic compound in the presence of hydrogen into contact with a shaped body which is ~~can be~~ produced by a process in which
 - (i) an oxidic material comprising copper oxide, zinc oxide and aluminum oxide is made available,
 - (ii) pulverulent metallic copper or pulverulent cement or a mixture thereof is added to the oxidic material, and
 - (iii) the mixture resulting from (ii) is shaped to form a shaped body.

2. (currently amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the oxidic material comprises
 - (a) copper oxide in a proportion x in the range from 60 to ~~$\leq x \leq$~~ 80% by weight, ~~preferably $65 \leq x \leq 75\%$ by weight,~~
 - (b) zinc oxide in a proportion y in the range from 15 to ~~$\leq y \leq$~~ 35% by weight, ~~preferably $20 \leq y \leq 30\%$ by weight,~~ and
 - (c) aluminum oxide in a proportion z in the range from 2 to ~~$\leq z \leq$~~ 20% by weight, ~~preferably $3 \leq z \leq 7\%$ by weight,~~in each case based on the total weight of the oxidic material after calcination,

where ~~80~~ $\leq x + y + z$ is in the range from 80 to ~~≤ 100 , in particular~~

~~$95 \leq x + y + z \leq 100\%$~~ by weight, and cement is not included as part of the oxidic material in the above sense.